

Minutes for the Concordia Council on Student Life Meeting Held on May 2, 2014 AD-121 10:00 A.M.

Present: Mr. Andrew Woodall (Chair), Ms. Lisa Fortin (Secretary), Mr. Bradley Tucker, Ms. Lisa Ostiguy, Mr. Patrick Boivin, Mr. Howard Magonet, Ms. Brigitte St-Laaurent, Ms. Stephanie Sarik, Dr. Cameron Skinner, Mr. Brad Nelson, Ms. Katrina Caruso, Ms. Crystal Harrison, Ms. Alanna Stacey, Ms. Claudie Boujaklian, Ms. Dabravka Kapa (Guylaine Beaudry), Mr. Daniel Houde, Ms. Lorraine Toscano, Mr. Jonathan Goldman (Brad Skog), Mr. Darren Dumoulin (Jacques Lachance).

Absent with Regrets: Ms. Melanie Drew, Ms. Nadine Montour, Ms. Anna Barrafato, Ms. Hannah Hackney, Ms. Jenessa Speed, Ms. Marie-Josée Allard.

Absent: Ms. Maylen Cytryn, Mr. Justin Occhionero, Ms. Yoko Yanagimura, Mr. Vignesh Shankar, Ms. Sharon Hunter, Ms. Tanya Poleetti.

1.Approval of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. Mr. Woodall observed that Council was short on quorum by two committee members.

2.Remarks from the Chair

Mr. Woodall announced that it was the final CCSL meeting of the 2013-2014 Academic year, and thanked all of Council for the time and effort put in throughout the year. He noted that CCSL does important work, highlighting initiatives such as the Hive Solidarity Café and the Loyola Rink, made possible due to the work of the students, CCSL Council, and cooperation from the University.

The Chair discussed the Outstanding Contribution and Volunteer Awards Night, noting that it was the focus of the year as it highlights different levels of engagement by members of the Concordia community.

In discussing accomplishments at the University during the year, Mr. Woodall highlighted the University's response to the Quebec Charter on Values, where both students groups and the Administration worked together to express their point clearly and respectfully. He reported that 2013-2014 was the inaugural year of the Sexual Assault Resource Centre, and noted the success of the Student Service theme days.

Mr. Woodall sadly announced that Ms. Drew would be retiring after 24 years at the University, noting that she has been a tremendous asset not only on CCSL, but also as the Director of Health Services. He stated that she would be greatly missed and wished her all the best in the future.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 7, 2014

3.2 Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 18, 2014

Due to the lack of quorum, Council was unable to approve the minutes from March 7 and March 18, 2014. Mr. Woodall encouraged Council members to look over the minutes and to report any required changes to Ms. Fortin.

Ms. Ostiguy noted that she was at the March 18th meeting, while Ms. St-Laurent noted that there was a grammatical error on the March 7th minutes on page 5. Ms. Fortin stated she would correct both errors.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of March 7, 2014

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of March 18, 2014

There was no business arising.

5. Reports and Items of Information

5.1 CCSL Special Projects Update

The Chair reported that Council distributed a total of \$121,250.42 on Special Projects, with the requests coming out to \$452,348.96.

Mr. Woodall stated that \$10,000 of CCSL funds goes annually to the Housing and Job Bank, as well as at least \$5,000 supporting the Committee Participation Awards Program, which gives students financial credits for sitting on Senate, the Board of Governors, and the Faculty Councils.

5.2 Discussion on dispersal of remaining CCSL Special Project Funds from previous years.

Referencing the memo sent out with the agenda titled Memo regarding unused Funds, Mr. Woodall reported that the total amount of unused funds totaled =\$126,246.00, not including 2013-2014.

The Chair encouraged Council to look over the ideas outlined in the memo, noting that they were gathered from observations and conversations from Council and from the Special Projects sub-committee.

Dr. Skinner suggested the money could be rolled into subsequent years.

Ms. Stacey stated that the Special Project Sub-committee observed that there was no funding on campus for student trips, that the money could be put towards projects such as international travel. Dr. Nelson observed that international travel for credit can be reimbursed by the province. Mr. Woodall noted that students can apply to the Concordia University Small Grants Program, also noting that CCSL will not cover travel for credit. Ms. Caruso expressed hesitation over providing large amounts of money to a small number of students and wondered how many actually benefit. Dr. Skinner noted that while the majority of the money from CCSL should benefit a large number of students, projects such as the Galapagos Island trip involve few but can be a pivotal event in their lives. Observing that it can be an important part of the educational experience.

Ms. Ostiguy was in favour of a "big ideas fund" that encouraged innovation from students. She noted that students would benefit from a small pool of funds that would enable students to collaborate in amazing ways and produce valuable outcomes.

Mr. Magonnet observed that, according to the regulations of CCSL, a fund would allow Student Services to work together with students on projects that support the Student Services department and projects, yet still give back to the students.

While not opposed to funding trips, Ms. Harrison stated that she did not support using current funds for something other than their original intent. She stated that she supported future funds putting put towards travel.

Ms. Stacey put forward that some of the money could be put aside for travel, as support money, with the caveat that groups have to use the CCSL logo. She also proposed using the money for big engagement projects, such as with Athletics. Noting that collaborations between SWARM, the athletes, and other members of the Concordia community could result in initiatives that would bring more value and recognition to the sports teams.

Picking up on this, Mr. Boivin stated that he was thinking of looking at evaluation of the varsity brand. Evaluate what the Stingers are and to look at where their identity could go and what it could become. He noted that it would be an excellent way to get not just student leaders involved, but also get other members of the Concordia community engaged, such as the staff, students, and faculty.

Ms. Tasscano mentioned that her staff in Birks wore Stingers jerseys one year, to encourage interest in the teams, with the staff fully supporting the project. However, due to lack of information about games, the project ended as the staff was unable to do effective promotion.

Dr. Nelson stated that he supported the second idea on the memo-directing money to support current Student Service projects. Citing the importance and relevance of

something like the Sexual Assault Resource Centre, he stated that a culture of sexual ethics needs to be reinforced, as it is important to the health and vitality of the University and its members.

Ms. Sarik proposed that extra money could support projects that look at student life in a wider sense, ensuring projects engage different students from different faculties, are innovative, and are beneficial to student life. Supporting this, Ms. Stacey suggested looking at groups of students within chosen services to find out what is wanted and needed by students. For example, giving "x" amount of money to Recreation and Athletics for a student lead project.

Ms. Caruso put forward that innovation within the Concordia Community, on both campuses and among the 46,000 students, should be promoted, such as District 3.

The Chair concluded the discussion, observing that many exciting ideas had gone around the table, with the possibility to maybe do a few things with the money. He stated that the conversation would continue next September 2014.

6.New Business

6.1 Motion regarding Associate Vice-President Registrarial Services and CCSL

Due to the absence of quorum, Mr. Woodall observed that Council would not be able to vote on the motion but explained that it was to vote on creating a new permanent non-voting role on CCSL for Mr. Tucker. The Chair explained that the rationale was that Mr. Tucker had been part of CCSL and Student Services for many years and that his experience and input have been, and would continue to be invaluable.

Ms. Sarik observed that in her role as the Interim Registrar, she felt that it was important and beneficial to keep the connexion between Student Services and the Financial Aid and Awards and Enrolment Services, departments under Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Woodall stated that was an important point to add to the conversation and that CCSL would continue it at the next meeting in September.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

7.Next meeting

To be announced.

8.Termination of Meeting

Ms. Drew motioned the end of the meeting at 11:00 A.M., with Ms. Caruso seconding the motion.